GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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HARDSHIPS OF SMALL SCALE AYURVEDIC DRUG MANUFACTURERS
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Drug Control Authorities are strictly enforcing the impracticable provision of Schedule T of Drugs & Cosmetic Act, 1940 thereby putting the small Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturers into hardship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to alleviate the problems of the small scale ayurvedic drugs manufacturers?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) The requirements laid down under Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) are not stringent.The genuine difficulties of small manufacturers and need for quality medicines were duly kept in view. A buffer period of 2 years was also provided to help small manufacturers attain GMP.

A scheme has also been approved for granting assistance to small units to upgrade facilities and create in-house testing facilities to achieve GMP.